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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A wrapper for packaging one or more articles, the wrapper ~~comprising: being constituted by~~

a sleeve of heat-shrink plastics material for shrinking onto the article(s) for packaging, said sleeve being made from a film that is folded in half and whose corresponding end zones are united([,]); and

a technical agent coating at least a part of an inside and /or outside face of the sleeve;

wherein the wall of the sleeve is embossed at least in part with a predetermined pattern so that said embossed pattern appears in relief on the outside face and/or the inside face of the sleeve and, in and/or around said embossed pattern, said technical agent being positioned to ensure that said embossed pattern remains after said sleeve has been shrunk onto the article(s) to be packaged.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~[[An]]The article-packaging wrapper according to claim 1, wherein the film constituting the sleeve is a semi-rigid film, the formulation of the semi-rigid film including an elastomeric phase in its formulation.~~

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) ~~[[An]]The article-packaging wrapper according to claim~~ ~~[[3]]1~~, wherein the inside and/or outside face of the sleeve is coated in the technical agent, in the location of ~~said embossed zones pattern, in at least one zone~~ that ~~[[are]]is~~ associated with a ~~[[high]]~~ shrinkage ratio exceeding about 10% to 15% during shrinking of said sleeve on the article(s) to be packaged, ~~in particular a ratio exceeding about 10% to 15%.~~

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5. (Currently Amended) ~~[[An]]The~~ article-packaging wrapper according to claim ~~[[3]]1~~, wherein the technical agent is coated on the inside and/or outside face, and said technical agent is a ~~thermosetting varnish or the like~~ that locally blocks shrinkage of the wall of the sleeve in the location of the embossed pattern.
6. (Currently Amended) ~~[[An]]The~~ article-packaging wrapper according to claim ~~[[3]]1~~, wherein the technical agent is coated on the inside and/or outside face, and said technical agent is a ~~thermoswelling varnish or the like~~ that locally pushes back the wall of the sleeve in the location of the embossed pattern during shrinkage of the sleeve.
7. (Currently Amended) ~~[[An]]The~~ article-packaging wrapper according to claim ~~[[5]]1~~, wherein the technical agent is a thermosetting or thermoswelling technical varnish ~~[[is]]~~ selected to be reactivatable at a temperature compatible with the temperature range for heat-shrinking the film constituting the sleeve.
8. (Currently Amended) ~~[[An]]The~~ article-packaging wrapper according to claim 1, wherein ~~[[the]]a~~ thermosetting or thermoswelling technical varnish is deposited on a zone surrounding the embossed pattern.
9. (Currently Amended) ~~[[An]]The~~ article-packaging wrapper according to claim 1, wherein ~~[[the]]a~~ thermosetting or thermoswelling technical varnish is deposited on the inside or outside face of the sleeve in the recesses formed by the embossed pattern.

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10. (Currently Amended) ~~[[An]]~~The article-packaging wrapper according to claim ~~[[3]]~~1, wherein the technical agent is deposited on the inside or outside face of the sleeve in the recesses formed by the embossed pattern, and said technical agent is a rigid or semi-rigid insert.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~[[An]]~~The article-packaging wrapper according to claim 10, wherein the rigid or semi-rigid insert ~~presents~~ has a fine screen on its free face, ~~in particular a multiple-diffraction screen of lens type.~~

12. (Currently Amended) ~~[[An]]~~The article-packaging wrapper according to claim 1, wherein a screen is applied to the inside and/or outside face of the sleeve ~~presents screening or the like on~~ at least some of the portions in relief formed by the embossed pattern.

13-21. (Cancelled)

22. (New) The article-packaging wrapper according to claim 5, wherein the varnish is a thermosetting varnish.

23. (New) The article-packaging wrapper according to claim 6, wherein the varnish is a thermoswelling varnish.

24. (New) The article-packaging wrapper according to claim 11, wherein the fine screen is a multiple-diffraction screen of lens type.

25. (New) The article-packaging wrapper according to claim 1, wherein said sleeve has a single wall.